

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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MAY 2016

April 29-May 7 “Romeo and Juliet” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),

April 29, 30, May 6 and 7 at 7 p.m.; April 30, May 1 and 7 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street

The classic tale of star-crossed lovers combines with a modern side story to make this Shakespeare work suitable for the entire family. Some scenes may not be suitable for younger children; parental discretion is advised. Shown at BYT in 2008, it has been one of the more popular Shakespeare tales. **Ages:** This 90-minute play is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after April 22. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

May 5 Make Herbal Infusions, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

This class, taught by Seattle Tilth, teaches how to infuse garden herbs into vinegars, syrups, and oils for both culinary and medicinal uses. We will cover herb identification and harvesting, and discuss varieties of plants to grow for use in home remedies. Make your own infusions and share with friends and family. The additional cost of the class includes supplies, and you will leave with an herbal infusion to take home! Register early as class size is limited to 18. **Cost:** \$30 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$40 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

**May 6 Time to Hatch! (Story Time Series), two sessions, choose one –
11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Springtime is full of new life and wonder. Follow Waddles on his journey to discover new friendship with the spring hatchlings right beneath him! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106560 or 106561. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 6 Barn Dance, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road

This dance is for adults and teens living with intellectual disabilities. Gather your dosey-does and load up on yeeee-haws, then mosey on down to the Highland Center for our end-of-the-session dance! **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/residents and \$11/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4118.

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- May 7** **Fuchsia Sale**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants for sale. **Info:** 425-452-2750.
- May 7-8** **Hua Yuan Chinese Floral Art Exhibition**, 9 a.m.
The Gathering Place at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The exquisite floral arrangements created by members of the school will be on display. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2750.
- May 7** **The Great SBCC Challenge – Family Edition**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center and Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue co-present this unique event where teams compete in a series of fun challenges that require athleticism for physical feats, smarts for mental tasks, and artistic abilities for creative endeavors. The team who successfully completes the challenges in the allotted time, while earning the most points, will be crowned winner. Twists and turns can throw off the most talented, so beware! **Ages:** Families, participants ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 7** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 7** **Habitat Stewardship**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you wondered about the various types of habitats throughout the Mercer Slough that animals call home? Maintaining healthy ecosystems is the key to their survival. Enjoy this hands-on interactive workshop to learn more about how we can be better habitat stewards of this place we all share. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565.
- May 8** **Mother's Day Social**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
The Gathering Place at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Presented by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, this lovely open house features light refreshments, music and beautiful scenery. Stroll the garden and shop for Mom at the Trillium Store. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/events.html>

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- May 13-22** **“Beauty and the Beast” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
May 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m.; May 15, 21 and 22 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
First shown at BYT in 2007 and 2012, this retelling of the fairy tale has captured BYT audiences. Belle is different from everyone in her small village and knows not to judge a book by its cover. But her strength and open mind will be challenged when her community is threatened. Will she be able to protect herself and break the curse placed on her new-found friends? This classic tale, with a few twists, runs approximately two hours with an intermission. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after May 6. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- May 13** **It’s a Frog’s Life, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When do tadpoles change into frogs? Where do frogs go during the dry summer months? How can we help protect habitat for amphibians? Join us to learn all about Pacific chorus frogs – the 2016 Master Naturalist Corps “Species of the Year.” We’ll do an art activity in the Visitor Center, and then walk around the wetland at Lewis Creek Park to identify tadpole and frog habitat. Perhaps we’ll even hear Pacific chorus frogs “sing!” Learn about an interactive frog habitat scavenger hunt that families can do on their own over the summer. Please bring a flashlight, sturdy shoes, and warm clothes for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106569. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 14** **Out Fit (bike ride), 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Larsen Lake, 14812 SE 8th Street
Get outside and enjoy time with your family while hiking and biking in Bellevue’s parks. Spend one morning a month getting out and active. Learn the basics of hiking and biking safety as well as great trails to hike and bike right in town. This bike ride will be in the Lake Hills Greenbelt. **Ages:** All ages; families welcome. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102224. **Info:** tracks@bellevuewa.gov
- May 14-15** **Rhododendron Show, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Saturday), 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Sunday)**
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This show features beautiful Northwest rhododendrons. Proceeds benefit the Cascade Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. **Info:** Lisa Scott at lscott@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2750.

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- May 14** **Frequent Fliers: Migratory Birds of Lewis Creek**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that some birds migrate thousands of miles every year? Migratory birds are the true international jet setters! Come and learn about the migratory birds that return to Lewis Creek each year. We'll go on a walk to spot some birds for ourselves. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106571. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 15** **Lewis Creek Movies: "Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air,"** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover the fast and marvelous lives of the tiniest warm-blooded animals on Earth as they are captured at 500 images per second, from nose dives to mating rituals. Running time is 73 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 18** **Common and Uncommon Plants from Near and Far**, 7 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
For all of you plant floozies who need a shot of adrenaline, Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson of Far Reaches Farm are just what the doctor ordered. These world-traipsing plant-a-holics have gained a national following not only for their can't-live-without-it plants, but also for their awe-inspiring lectures filled with humor. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-BBGS members. Pay at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- May 20** **Wild Babies**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Springtime is when many species give birth. Discover some of the amazing ways wild babies survive and thrive out in the woods. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106562. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- May 20** **Owl Prowl**, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with a Ranger to listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106572. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- May 21** **Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference**, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
Come hear the keynote speaker, Becky Henchman, talk about thawing the “Seattle Freeze,” and network with your neighbors! This conference also features diversity-related workshops, including: Creating a Cross-Cultural Committee or Volunteer Team, Breaking Down the Language Barriers, New Neighbors – New Worlds, Who Lives in My Neighborhood, and Aging in Your Neighborhood.
Cost: \$50. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-5372 or 425-452-6836. **Info:** Mark Manuel – mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886.
- May 21** **Coal Creek Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Coal Creek East Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue’s largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 21** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- May 21** **Habitat Stewardship**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you wondered about the various types of habitats throughout the Mercer Slough that animals call home? Maintaining healthy ecosystems is the key to their survival. Enjoy this hands-on interactive workshop to learn more about how we can be better habitat stewards of this place we all share. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565.
- May 25** **Youth Link’s 26th Anniversary and Community Leadership Awards**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
Youth Link’s annual award ceremony recognizes accomplished elementary, middle and high school students in the Bellevue area. The evening begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Patrick Alina – palina@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5254.

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May 27

Counting Coyotes, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

It looks like a dog, but it's not! Come learn about our native wild canine from your local Park Ranger. Includes a Coyote Craft! **Ages:** All ages welcome.

Cost: \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106570.

Info: 425-452-6993.

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- June 3** **All about Bats**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bats fly through the night with incredible numbers, but how often do you see them? Come learn about the flying mammals that make the Northwest their home. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106573. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- June 3** **Sea Turtles Galore! (Story Time Series)**, two sessions, choose one –
11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Nani the green turtle discovers reserves of bravery she never knew she possessed and helps a friend in need. Come learn about the sea turtles we have right here in Washington. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106563 or 106564. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 3** **Bat Walk**, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover the local bat species of Lewis Creek! Then, take a bat hike with a Ranger at dusk to watch for bats leaving their roosting sites. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106576. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 4** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 4** **Ranger Program: Vermicomposting 101**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Learn to compost with worms! Red Wigglers are often referred to as nature's greatest recyclers. They turn our food scraps into nutrient-rich soil for free. Join us to learn more about how to build your own worm bin, and get started composting your kitchen scraps using these amazing creatures. Take home your new pets. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 11** **Fifth Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride,**
Day-of-event registration opens at 8 a.m.; first riders depart at 9 a.m.
Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164th Avenue SE
Presented by Chaplin's Subaru, Overlake Medical Center, and the City of Bellevue, this is an enjoyable, non-competitive recreational ride for the whole family. Choose one of two unique loops – a mostly flat Greenbelt Loop (9 miles) and the more challenging Lake Loop (22 miles). Routes are about 80% on-road and 20% off-road (gravel). The routes take riders to and through Bellevue's award-winning park system, exploring the hidden treasures of Bellevue. The Lake to Lake Bike Ride benefits the City of Bellevue's youth camp scholarship fund. First 300 participants to register will receive a custom t-shirt. Lots of goodies at the post-ride fest! **Ages:** 8 years and older; kids under 8 must be in a tag-along or trailer. **Cost:** \$15 in advance; \$20 on day of event, if space is available. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 106268. **Info:** bikeride@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4882, or view the ride's web page - <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/lake-to-lake-ride.htm> .
- June 11** **Pond Dip, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
The edges of ponds and wetlands are great places for budding naturalists to explore! We will use tools like dip nets and water scopes to get a closer look at the wetland creatures of Lewis Creek Park... what will we find in this unfamiliar underwater world? **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 12** **“DUCKumentary” (Nature Movie), 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There are more than 120 different species of ducks, and they are all born knowing how to survive. Come discover all the different types, and their life stories filled with personality and charm. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 17** **Great Blue Herons, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that Bellevue is home to a great blue heron rookery? We'll learn about what makes a wetland such a great home for these long-legged birds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993 or ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov , course 106574.

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- June 18 Out Fit (hike), 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Coal Creek Natural Area, Coal Creek Parkway SE
Get outside and enjoy time with your family while hiking and biking in Bellevue's parks. Spend one morning a month getting out and active. Learn the basics of hiking and biking safety as well as great trails to hike and bike right in town. This hike will be in the Coal Creek Natural Area Trails. Parks staff will contact registered participants regarding the meeting place. **Ages:** All ages; families welcome. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102225. **Info:** tracks@bellevuewa.gov
- June 18 Fraser Cabin Heritage Program, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and now located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- June 18 The Early Bird Gets the Worm!, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Camouflage is an important survival strategy in the animal kingdom. Come discover how insects blend in with their surroundings and what predators do to find them. Then take a walk with a Ranger to see how many insects you can find! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106578. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 18 Ranger Program: Vermicomposting 101, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Learn to compost with worms! Red Wigglers are often referred to as nature's greatest recyclers. They turn our food scraps into nutrient-rich soil for free. Join us to learn more about how to build your own worm bin, and get started composting your kitchen scraps using these amazing creatures. Take home your new pets. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 19** **A Day of Play with Dad**, 8:30 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Celebrate Father's Day by inviting Dad to a delicious pancake breakfast, and then challenge him to fun family adventures. Ascend the Climbing Wall, scale the Vertical Playpen at the Bellevue Challenge Course, play disc golf, and finish the morning with an orienteering trek through Eastgate Park. Moms and siblings are welcome too! **Ages:** Families, participants ages 4 years and older. **Cost:** \$8/person; ages 3 and under are free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, course 106558.
- June 24** **Wildflower Walk**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The Lake Hills Greenbelt is home to a variety of blooming plants. Come see what wildflowers are growing in the Bellevue area during the summer months! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993 or ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov, course 106575.
- June 24** **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Life in the Undergrowth,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This film explores the surprisingly beautiful and intricate world of invertebrates thriving in the undergrowth. Enjoy this rare opportunity to take a closer look at this miniature universe and the startling behaviors of creatures not often seen on the surface. We provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 25** **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 26** **Backyard Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Washington is home to 15 species of bats! Every fall these bats find a place to hibernate, hopefully avoiding human structures in their search. Find out what species live in Bellevue and how you can prevent your home from becoming a bat cave. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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June 28 **Eric Herman & the Thunder Puppies**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents the ultimate Eric Herman experience... Eric, singing his amazing songs along with his five-piece band, rocking out with high energy and non-stop audience interaction. **Ages:** 3-8 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- July 1** **Baby Whale's Journey (Story Time Series)**, two sessions, choose one –
11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Swimming beside Mama Whale, and surrounded by a protective pod, Baby Whale begins to grow and learn. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106565 or 106566. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 2** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 2** **Ranger Program: Frogs for Life**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Wetlands offer some of the most diverse habitat for wildlife. Many creatures depend on these unique conditions for their survival. Mercer Slough Nature Park offers some of the most ideal habitat for amphibians and other aquatic creatures. Our frog friends can be heard singing near and far. Come learn more about these vocal creatures and venture out on a guided walk to visit their home. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 4** **The Bellevue Collection Bellevue Family 4th presented by PACCAR**,
2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
With rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air, and a jam-packed lineup of festivities, the Bellevue Family 4th will bring the Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration and fireworks show to the Bellevue Downtown Park. The event features the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone, an international food court, live entertainment on the Main Stage, and formal Presentation of the Colors. When twilight fades, the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to the Eastside's largest fireworks display. This event is co-produced by the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free entrance; prices vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- July 9** **Ranger Program: Happy Hikers – How to Have a Successful Adventure Outdoors with the Kids**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Spending a day out on the trail in unfamiliar territory with the kids can often feel daunting and exhausting before you even head out the door. The good news is that it doesn't have to be. Come and find out how to prepare, the best places to go, and how to practice proper trail etiquette so that your next adventure will be safe and successful. And yes, enjoyable for all! **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 9** **Tree Detectives**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
How can you use clues like leaves, flowers, and bark to solve the tree mystery at Lewis Creek? Come discover how to identify different trees that are found in your own backyard! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 10** **Adult Enrichment Program: Making the Cut – The Locks, the Lake, and a Century of Change**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Eastside Heritage Center's 2016 speaker series will feature programming related to the opening of the Lake Washington Ship Canal, the lowering of Lake Washington, and the impact this had on the Eastside and surrounding areas. These historical talks will be conducted indoors. The series will continue in autumn. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 12** **Eric Ode – “What’s Going on Here?”**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Eric Ode. Jack Rabbit has been hard at work in his vegetable garden, but not everything is coming up the way he expected. Join children's author and award-winning songwriter Eric Ode in this high-energy, music and poetry-filled concert. **Ages:** 3-8 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 16** **Coal Creek Park Ranger-Led Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Coal Creek East Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 16** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and now located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- July 16** **Ranger Program: Frogs for Life**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Wetlands offer some of the most diverse habitat for wildlife. Many creatures depend on these unique conditions for their survival. Mercer Slough Nature Park offers some of the most ideal habitat for amphibians and other aquatic creatures. Our frog friends can be heard singing near and far. Come learn more about these vocal creatures and venture out on a guided walk to visit their home. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 16** **Owl Prowl**, 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger to walk the Lake Hills Greenbelt trails and look for owls as well as other nocturnal wildlife. Learn about and listen for the animals that thrive in the dark! Wear sturdy footwear and be ready to walk the trails in the dark. Bring a flashlight or headlamps for the journey. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 donation suggested at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 106580.
- July 19** **Eli Rosenblatt (Children's Program)**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Robinswood Barn at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a children's event that will be held in the park, on the grassy area outside the Robinswood Barn. Eli takes crowds on journeys to the moon, under the earth, and into the imagination, one of the most exciting places of all! His programs for children and families bring together world music, language, movement and imagination in a high-energy mix to create an exciting interactive experience. Eli invites audiences to learn new languages, share their ideas, and move their bodies in a positive, inclusive environment. And that's just the beginning... **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- July 23** **What's in the Forest Floor?**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There's so much more to the forest floor than just soil! Come and learn about all the creepy crawlies and other organisms that make the forest floor home. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 24** **Hot Topics in Washington State: Wildfires**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that fire plays an important role in ecosystems? Many ecosystems have evolved with fire as a necessary contributor to a healthy habitat. Come discover how natural wildfires can be beneficial to wildlife habitat, and learn how you can prevent unnatural wildfires from flaring up. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 29** **Buzzing Blueberries**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bellevue has some wonderful opportunities for picking blueberries. How do the berries grow? It all starts with a bee or other pollinator. Bring your family to discover how important our pollinators are for blueberries and other plants, then you can check in with farm stands to pick blueberries. Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** \$2 donation suggested at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 106581.
- July 29** **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Movies at Mercer Slough: Fabulous Frogs,"**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Frogs are amazingly adaptable creatures that live in nearly every part of the world. Some can actually freeze solid – but still survive. Others live happily in the hot African desert. Some live in tree tops; others can practically walk on the water. Learn a zillion fascinating things about these creatures with BBC naturalist, Sir David Attenborough. We'll pop the corn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 30** **Woof Walk (Guided Hike)**, 10 a.m. - noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come explore Lewis Creek Park with your furry friend! Learn about the natural history and wildlife of the park and how we can keep our pets safe. Please limit yourself to one dog per guest. Use a leash on your dog, and bring a doggy waste bag. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Moderate (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 106600. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary

Springtime in the Barnyard – Available in May only

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Welcome springtime with a tour of our newest animals, which may include chicks, goats, and calves. Learn about their special care. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to number in group. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Kids on the Farm

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Meet the farm animals and learn interesting animal facts. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding while creating a woolly sheep to take home. These tours are for preschool and school groups. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$85 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$5.50 per child and \$2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE

Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

Reading with Rover

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street

Dogs help kids learn to read. Reading with Rover dogs will be at the Crossroads Community Center to listen to children read to them. This free program inspires children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a fun, safe environment using trained therapy dogs. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.readingwithrover.org/> or call Judi Hagen, 425-452-4874.

4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov.

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1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link 25th Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting,
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Assist in planning our 25th anniversary celebration scheduled for May 2015, and help set the theme, program and marketing of the youth recognition event. Students will help plan and will gain experience in planning the community event from concept to delivery. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students.

Info: Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Action Team Meetings, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Participate in planning community special events, community service projects, and other youth leadership activities. Action Teams and planning committees include Youth Link Marketing, Kids Care Coat Drive, Youth Involvement Conference, Community Leadership Awards, We Day, Youth Link University, Crossroads Homework Help, and Youth Link Robotics. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network on Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Thursday

Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Walk, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required.

Info: 425-452-4195.

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Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required.

Info: 425-452-7225.

Every Saturday

Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:**

mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$6.00 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches.

Info/Pre-register: 425-452-7681.